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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (LAST LINE PARA TWO)

FOR ROBERT J. BLACKWELL, ASST. DEPUTY OF COMMERCE FOR
MARITIME AFFAIRS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EWWT, EEWT, UR, US

SUBJECT: BILATERAL MARITIME NEGOTIATIONS

1. AT P.M. SESSION OF DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES MARCH 23,
1977, SOVIET SIDE DELIVERED FOLLOWING DOCUMENT ENTITLED,
"LETTER OF WITHDRAWAL", DATED MARCH 22 AND INITIALED BY
IGOR AVERIN ON MARCH 23:

BEGIN TEXT:

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MOSCOW ON MARCH 21ST AND 22ND BETWEEN THE DESIGNATED
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE USSR AND THE USA THIS IS TO
CONFIRM THAT THE SOVIET SIDE HEREBY WITHDRAWS THE
MEMORANDUM HANDED OVER TO MR. R. BLACKWELL, ASSISTANT
SECRETARY OF COMMERCE ON JANUARY 27TH, 1977, SUBJECT TO
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THE WITHDRAWAL BY THE AMERICAN SIDE OF THE MEMORANDUM
PRESENTED BY THE US DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE
ON JANUARY 26TH, 1977. END TEXT.

2. US SIDE DID NOT ACCEPT THIS DOCUMENT AS SATISFACTORY
RESOLUTION OF BILATERAL CARGO ISSUE BECAUE OF FOLLOWING:

(A) JANUARY 26 AND 27 MEMORANDA ARE NOT SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFIED AS DEALING WITH BILATERAL CARGO ISSUE. SOVIET REFUSAL TO IDENTIFY SUBJECT MATTER OF THE MEMORANDA RAISES SERIOUS QUESTION AS TO WHETHER BILATERAL CARGO ISSUE WOULD BE RESOLVED BY ABOVE LETTER. NOTHING IN THIS LETTER GIVES ANY ASSURANCE THAT SOVIETS WILL NOT RAISE BILATERAL CARGO ISSUE WITHIN CONTEXT OF STATISTICS RELATING TO DISCUSSION OF PARAGRAPH III B OF BULK MEMORANDUM OR ANY TIME IN FUTURE. ALTHOUGH LATEST US PROPOSAL DOES NOT PRECLUDE SOVIETS FROM RERAISING THIS ISSUE, IT WOULD MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT TO DO SO.

(B) BILATERAL CARGO ISSUE HAS BEEN RAISED TO HIGHEST LEVEL OF BOTH GOVERNMENTS, HAS BECOME THE SUBJECT OF A LETTER FROM SOVIET MARITIME REP IN WASHINGTON TO MAJOR WEST EUROPEAN GOVERNMENT MARITIME ATTACHES, AND HAS RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE PRESS AND LABOR ATTENTION.

FAILURE TO IDENTIFY ISSUE IN SOVIET DRAFT LETTER IS INAPPROPRIATE AS A RESULT OF THE ATTENTION GIVEN TO THE ISSUE BY THE SOVIETS. ABSENCE OF PROPER IDENTIFICATION OF ISSUE ALSO LENDS AIR OF SECRECY TO RESOLUTION WHICH IS UNWARRANTED IN VIEW OF THE NATURE OF THE AGREEMENT.

3. US SIDE HAS OFFERED THREE PROPOSED DRAFTS OF DOCUMENTS TO EFFECT WITHDRAWAL OF SOVIET POSITION ON BILATERAL CARGO. THE FIRST WAS AN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS THAT WOULD HAVE EFFECTIVELY COUNTERED SOVIET CLAIM THAT CONFIDENTIAL

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BILATERAL CARGO AS DEFINED IN PARAGRAPH 1B. OF ANNEX III IS MODIFIED IN ANY WAY BY PARAGRAPH 1.A. OF ANNEX III AND ARTICLE 6 OF AGREEMENT. THE SECOND WAS AN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS THAT WOULD HAVE RELATED CARGO-SHARING PROVISIONS OF AGREEMENT TO BILATERAL CARGO AS DEFINED IN PARAGRAPH 1.B. INCLUDING REDRENCE TO CARGO CARRIED IN THE TRADE BETWEEN THE TWO NATIONS. THE THIRD US PROPOSAL WAS A MEMORANDUM TO BE SIGNED BY DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES WITHDRAWING THEIR MEMORANDA PRESENTED JANUARY 26 AND JANUARY 27 AND IDENTIFYING SPECIFICALLY THE SUBJECT MATTERS OF EACH MEMORANDUM. IT WOULD ALSO HAVE RECONFIRMED DEFINITION OF BILATERAL CARGO AS CONTAINED IN 1.B. OF ANNEX III. SOVIETS HAVE REJECTED ALL OF THESE PROPOSALS AND HAVE ADVISED THAT TEXT QUOTED IN PARAGRAPH ONE ABOVE IS MAXIMUM THEY CAN DO. SOVIETS ARGUED THAT THEIR TEXT RESTORES SITUATION TO PRE-JANAURY 7 STATUS AND REFERENCE TO DATES ALONE SUFFICIENTLY IDENTIFIED THE MEMORANDA IN QUESTION.

4. US DELEGATION INTENDS TO PURSUE CLEAR IDENTIFICATION OF
SUBJECT MATTER OF MEMORANDA IN FURTHER TALKS AND BELIEVES
THIS IS MINIMUM NEEDED TO RESOLVE THE ISSUE AND THEREBY
LEND CONFIDENCE TO INTEGRITY OF THE AGREEMENT. THIS
RESOLUTION SOUGHT BY US SIDE ALSO REPRESENTS WHAT
US DELEGATION FEELS IS NECESSARY TO ASSURE INTERESTED
LABOR, MANAGEMENT AND CONGRESSIONAL PARTIES THAT MATTER
HAS BEEN ADEQUATELY DEALT WITH AS PROMISED BY USG.
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